

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC § 371**

DATE:

ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER

59731US007

U.S. APPLICATION NO.
(if known, see 37 CFR § 1.5)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/US2005/008189	March 11, 2005	April 7, 2004

TITLE OF INVENTION

LICENSE PLATE ASSEMBLY COMPRISING LIGHT SOURCE AND BACKLIT LICENSE PLATE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.
- This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.
- This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC § 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- The US has been elected (Article 31).
- A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).
 - is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).
 - is attached hereto
 - has been previously submitted under 35 USC § 154(d)(4)
- Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3))
 - are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - have been communicated by the International Bureau
 - have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired
 - have not been made and will not be made.
- An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3)).
- An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC § 371 (c)(4)).
- An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC §§ 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.
- An assignment to 3M Innovative Properties Company will follow.
- A preliminary amendment.
- An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR § 1.76.
- A substitute specification.
- A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13(er.2 and 37 CFR §§ 1.821 – 1.825.
- A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).
- A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).
- Other items or information:

U.S. APPLN. NO. (if known, see 37 CFR § 1.5):		INTERNATIONAL APPN. NO : PCT/US2005/008189		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: 59731US007	
The following fees will be paid via EFS-Web at the time of filing:					
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))	\$300		\$300.00		
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))					
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....	\$0				
All other situations.....	\$200		\$200.00		
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))					
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....	\$0				
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....	\$100				
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....	\$400		\$400.00		
All other situations.....	\$500				
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23= \$900.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium) The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Fee Calc	Number Filed	(Minus 25%) EFS Filing	Minus 100	Calc.Extra	Rate (for ea.add'l 50)
Application Size Fee	31			0	\$250.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR § 1.492(e)). \$0.00					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED		EXTRA	RATE	
Total claims	10 - 20 =		0	x \$50.00	
Independent claims	2 - 3 =		0	x \$200.00	
Add'l fee for one or more multiple dependent claims \$360.00					
Total Amount Due \$900.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27. \$0.00					
The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
SUBTOTAL = \$900.00					
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR § 1.492(f)). \$0.00					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$900.00					
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property \$0.00					
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$900.00					
Amount to be refunded:					
Amount to be charged \$900.00					
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees will be paid via EFS-Web at the time of filing.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-3723 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723</p>					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR § 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR § 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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